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Mysuru among Top 5 tourist spots in India

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BLU&BS)- Mysuru, a popular tourist spot attracting tourists from across the globe, has emerged as a top tourist destination that finds place in the itinerary of tourists on weekend tour. According to a survey conducted by MakeMyTrip, a popular travel company, Mysuru is ranked fifth among the top tourist attractions across the country, that augments the tourism potential of the city.

With a few days left to usher in New Year-2025, it is also expected to increase the number of tourists manifold, a good news for the hospitality industry.

The survey conducted in the year 2023-24 titled 'Make MyTrip Travel Search and Booking Trend' lists not just Mysuru as a top travel destination within the country, but also several other exotic locales abroad. The data collected is attributed to Google search engine and the travel agencies that regularly organise tours.

Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand, which boasts of the country's first tiger reserve that came into existence in 1936, stands first among the preferred weekend travel destinations with the rating of 131%, followed by Ooty in Tamil Nadu at 35%, Munnar in Kerala - 33%, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, that holds top place among Clean City Rankings - 31%. Mysuru stands fifth at 29% sharing the honour with Ahmedabad in Gujarat and Wayanad in Kerala.

(See TOURIST on page 6)

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Dr. Manmohan Singh

CREMATED

New Delhi, Dec. 28 (Agencies)- Former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh's last rites were performed at Nigambodh Ghat here today with full State honours. Dr. Singh's mortal remains were taken from his residence to the Congress headquarters on Akbar Road at 8 am where public were allowed to pay their last respects. Following this, a funeral procession proceeded to Nigambodh Ghat at 9.30 am.

President Droupadi Murmu, PM Modi and others paid their last respects.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 28th December 2024

MYRA School of Business gets Academic Excellence Award

Kantharaj Urs** (centre), **Managing Trustee, MYRA School of Business, Mysuru, receiving the award from dignitaries in New Delhi on Dec. 23.

Mysuru, Dec. 28- MYRA School of Business, a premium B' School based out of Mysuru, has been awarded for Academic Excellence in Higher Education.

MYRA has been in the forefront of higher education through its multiple initiatives to ensure the students get the best of studies that they do during the Master's.

The 'B' School has been making waves by ensuring the industry designed and industry delivered curriculum with 'who is who' of the industry coming and teaching in this institute, which is awarded by one of the most recognised organisations called 'College Dunia' — a Portal for student community and referred by most of the students for shaping up their career.

MYRA School has 100% placement record and the first-of-its kind Cybersecurity Lab in its campus.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CALL IT OFF!: ***In March 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the world's first telephone call. It lasted for less than ten seconds and consisted of nine words, "Mr Watson, come here – I want to see you." This message was addressed to the inventor's associate, Thomas Watson, who was in another room. Almost a century and a half later, we've effectively uninvented Bell's invention, or at least, uninvented its original purpose. Landline phones have become as extinct as the dodo. Mobile phones, which have replaced them, are used for all sorts of purposes, but speaking to people isn't one of them. The most common use mobiles are put to is to take photos, of the pizza or the ice cream we're about to eat, of scenic spots, of family and friends, and most importantly, of ourselves.***

Your phone also tells you the time, which obviates wearing a watch. It acts as a pocket calculator, calendar, computer, diary and GPS navigation system.

***The one thing you** don't **use your phone for is to make calls to talk to people. Using your phone as a phone is just NOT DONE. It's considered not merely intrusively impolite, but downright ill-mannered, worse than talking to someone with your mouth full of food, and almost as bad as breaking wind in a crowded elevator. Instead of calling the person — who might be at a business meeting, or working, or in the loo — you send a text message:** U snd a txt msg. And u gt a txt msg bk.*

The taboo about making calls is reinforced by the fact that the only people who do make calls are spamsters, or worse. Property dealers, or insurance sellers, or scammers, international cyber criminals who, if you're so unwise as to accept their calls, or call them back after a missed call, can hack into your phone and — before you can say, Hell's Bell, Alexander Graham! — clean out your bank account or max out your credit card, or both. That's why using your phone to make or receive calls isn't telephony. It's tele-phoney.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman suffers burns trying to turn hot water into ice

Beijing: A young woman suffered second-degree burns on her head by splashing herself with hot water that she threw into the air on a cold night hoping it would instantly freeze.

Cold temperature causes the water particles to freeze in mid-air, creating a fine mist. It's definitely cool to watch from the comfort of your warm room, but recreating it is not as easy as you might think. One young Chinese woman named Jiang Nu learned that firsthand last week when she attempted the trick only to have hot water droplets fall on her head, causing second-degree burns.

Jiang didn't know that the hot water doesn't freeze instantly but rather forms water vapor when splashed into the air. So if you're thinking of trying it yourself, maybe don't throw the water over your head.

Bubble wrap garments spark controversy

Belarus: Fashion brands are known for pushing the boundaries, but sometimes their ideas are so out of bounds that they look downright silly. Case in point, the newest offerings of Belarussian brand ZNWR – a line of clothing made of plastic bubble wrap. The weird garments were recently spotted by a TikTok user Yana and the video went viral on social media with over 1,00,000 views. The clip features two bubble wrap garments, priced at 280 Belarussian rubles (86 dollars) and a jacket with a 380 rubles (116 dollars).

Despite Yana's best efforts, people did end up taking her clip as a joke, describing the garments as 'anti-stress' or asking if the large plastic bubbles could be burst, like those of regular bubble wrap.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What should we look for in a good shampoo & conditioner?

A shampoo should clean away the oil & dirt, rinse out easily & leave your hair shiny, manageable. A good conditioner should hydrate your hair reduce frizz & make it easier to style.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

State Young Scientist awardee felicitated

Mysuru, Dec. 28- City-based CFTRI faculty and young woman scientist Dr. Pushpa S. Murthy, who was recently conferred with 'Dr. Kalpana Chawla Young Woman Scientist State Award' for her service, research work and skills in the field of Science, was felicitated by R.S. Rangaswamy Memorial Foundation at a programme organised at Government Youth Hostel, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, former Kuvempu University VC Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, who is also one of the Foundation's Advisors, wished Dr. Pushpa Murthy more success and achievements in her career.

Foundation President S. Lolakumar, Secretary K. Pavan Krishna, Treasurer K. Thanuja, Advisors R. Ramanuja, Venkataramu and R. Raju Master, members M. Tulasiram, R. Prakash and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.66 feet**	Today's level **2,280.20 feet**	Today's level **2,834.21 feet**
Last year's level **96.90 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.68 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.55 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.78 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.14 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.07 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,780 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,359 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **893 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,526 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **875 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The Nobel Prizes commenced in 1901. The recipients of the first Nobel Prizes were given 150,782 SEK (Swedish Krona). In 2018, the laureates were awarded a prize amount of 9,000,000 SEK. The Nobel Prize money varies every year.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A beggar was standing at the street corner.
Beggar: Please give a rupee to this blind man.
Man: Hey, you can see through one eye.
Beggar: Ok, then give a half rupee!

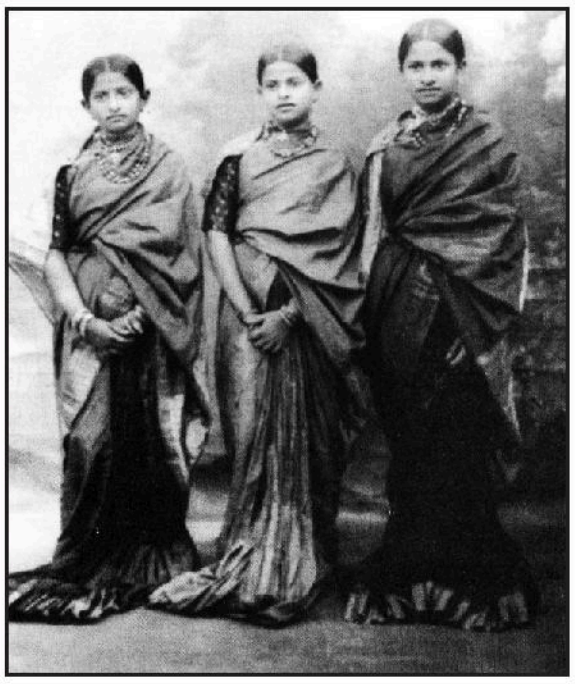
TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.38
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.36
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.04

VOICE OF THE READER

Renaming of KRS Road: Reminiscing its history

Colonel J. Desaraj Urs and Princess Krishnajammanni.



Princess Krishnajammanni's three daughters, who died in 1910, 1913 and 1913.

Sir,

I am given to understand that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken a decision to rename a stretch of KRS Road from Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy temple to Outer Ring Road junction as Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga!

The MCC is said to have taken this decision at its meeting on November 22, based on a suggestion by Chamaraja MLA Harishgowda.

The issue was placed before the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru before being tabled in the Council meeting.

On Dec. 13, the MCC issued a newspaper notification inviting objections from the public within 30 days from the publication of the notification.

What a stupefying decision! The alacrity in which the whole decision-making process is orchestrated exemplifies the pitiable status of our top bureaucracy and the elected representatives in taking independent decisions.

For old Mysureans, the Road beyond Venkataramanaswamy Temple led to PK Sanatorium! Wonder if the Road was ever named officially KRS Road. **For the uninitiated, PK Sanatorium is actually Princess Krishnajammanni Sanatorium.**

Young Maharaja with his siblings.

Second sister of Maharaja Sri Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar, Princess Krishnajammanni was married to Col. Jagirdar Desaraj Urs, CIE, MVO, a veteran of many wars in his time. Princess had three daughters. Unfortunately, Princess Krishnajammanni and her three daughters died to consumption (TB) in succession in 1904, 1910 and 1913.

Both her husband and her mother Smt. Kempananjammanni Avaru of Vani Vilas Sannidhana decided to pay a fitting and beautiful memorial to the unfortunate victims of scourge by building a Sanatorium for the larger benefit of the people of the Kingdom. Col. Desaraj Urs even gave a handsome donation of Rs. 75,000 towards this memorial.

It is in the land belonging to the PK Sanatorium that many of the recent Hospitals like Jayadeva Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital etc., have come up.

It is in the fitness of things that the name Princess Road or KRS Road, as some claim (the press note by MCC also claims) is left unamended both for historical reasons and also for the benevolence shown by the Wadiyars even in their hour of distress!

When a decade ago Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri was given a facelift with the donation by Sudha Murthy, I was given to understand that the University of Mysore (UoM) wanted to name the Mansion after her. But the sagacious lady gracefully declined the offer.

I wish Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would show the same grace and maturity and direct the MCC and his MLA from this foolhardy perfidy.

— Raja Chandra

Bengaluru
25.12.2024

Geeth Gaatha Chal Musical Nite by doctors on Jan. 5

Dr. Umesh Kamath, Chief Patron | *Dr. Jagannath Shenoy & Mrs. Kusuma Shenoy, Sponsors of the Event* | *Dr. Somanath Vasudeva, Organising Chairperson*

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The 23rd edition of Geeth Gaatha Chal, the most popular musical nite, will be held at Kalamandira on Jan. 5.

This much-anticipated event promises an evening filled with melodious nostalgia and unparalleled musical talent.

Geeth Gaatha Chal celebrates the unique concept of bringing together doctors and their family members to present a mesmerising musical extravaganza. With karaoke renditions of superhit Hindi and Kannada film songs, the event resonates with audiences of all ages.

Since its inception, the music programme has been sponsored by Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, a visionary entrepreneur and his wife Kusuma Shenoy. Their unwavering support and patronage have been instrumental in sustaining this iconic event.

Geeth Gaatha Chal's mentor and chief patron Dr. C. Umesh Kamath is a guiding light for the participants. His dedication and passion have elevated the show to its current stature as a hallmark of musical excellence.

Adding a fresh dimension this year is the introduction of a new Organising Chairperson Dr. Somanath Vasudeva. Known for his dynamic leadership and innovative ideas, Dr. Vasudeva's involvement is set to bring renewed energy and excitement.

The 23rd edition of Geeth Gaatha Chal will feature an extraordinary lineup of talented singers, including Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, Dr. A.L. Hemalatha, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. Snehashree, Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Dr. Somanath Vasudev, Dr. Seethalakshmi Somanath, Dr. Shyam Prasad, Dr. Amrutha, Dr. Shivani, Dr. Sushma, Dr. U. Ganesh Rao, Dr. Sushma Anand, Apoorva Natashekhar, Sparsha Shenoy, Bhoomika Anand and R.L. Varsha.

This year, two guest singers, Shabir and Khan will add a special sparkle to the musical evening to be compered by the charismatic Syed Aftab.

Need for modern archiving to preserve history

Dr. J.V. Gayathri, Retired Deputy Director, State Archives Department, seen lighting the lamp as Department Director Dr. Gavisiddaiah and Assistant Director H.L. Manjunath look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (GA&DM)- "Just as we safeguard personal documents like Aadhaar and PAN cards, it is vital to save and maintain public records," said Dr. J.V. Gayathri, Retired Dy. Director, State Archives Department.

She was addressing after inaugurating a workshop on "Maintenance of Public Records" at Archives Department Office in Visveshwaranagar recently.

Highlighting the significance of public records, Dr. Gayathri noted that today's files would become tomorrow's historical documents. "Records are essential for substantiating historical events. Their conservation must leverage modern technology, ensuring proper preservation through methods such as scanning, tissue lamination and digital storage," she emphasised.

Citing notable examples, she pointed out how ancient records served as crucial evidence in Court cases. "In the Ayodhya Ram Mandir case, the research papers of Mysuru-based epigraphist K.V. Ramesh were pivotal during the Allahabad High Court hearings, ultimately aiding the temple's construction. Similarly, public documents preserved from 1905 supported Karnataka during legal proceedings in Cauvery dispute," she added.

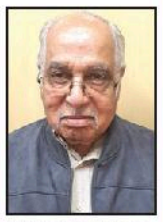
NEWS BRIEFS

KAS Exams

With the KPSC scheduled to hold the written exam for appointment of 384 Gazetted Probationers (KAS Officers) at 27 centres spread across Mysuru city tomorrow (Dec. 29), the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around all the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm tomorrow. Accordingly, barring the examinees and the exam staff, no other unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the exam centre. Also, carrying of objectionable articles around the centres has been banned. All photocopy shops and browsing centres located in the vicinity of the centres have been ordered to shut down for the day.

Shakuntala Jayadeva Sharana awardees

Dr. M.S. Veda



M. Mahadevaiah

Mysuru's noted woman writer Dr. M.S. Veda and Bengaluru-based senior social worker M. Mahadevaiah have been selected for the prestigious Shakuntala Jayadeva Sharana Award (2024), given by Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat. The two will be conferred the award at a programme to take place at Rajendra Bhavan in Mysuru on Jan. 8, 2025, according to Parishat's City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah.

Drawing Contest

Little Gems School, located in N.R. Mohalla, will be conducting Smt. Mubbashira Begum Inter-School Drawing/ Painting Competition 2024-25 on Jan. 4, 2025 at the School premises. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4266984.

Obituary

Mohsina Khuddus Syed

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Mohsina Khuddus Syed (64), daughter of late G. Ghouse Shariff and a resident of Anegundi Road in Tilaknagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her son Syed Rafi, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

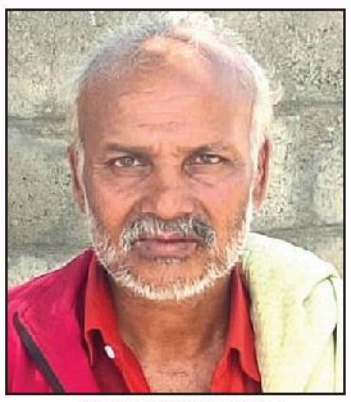
Man murdered by son for insurance money

Bylakuppe, Dec. 28 (RK&BCT)- In a shocking incident, a man killed his father to claim life insurance money at Gosavi Colony of Koppa village in Periyapatna taluk on Thursday evening.

The victim, 53-year-old Annappa, was attacked by his son 27-year-old K.A. Pandu with a stick near Bidiruvana in Manchadevanahalli on the Mysuru Road. Pandu ran a money-lending business in Koppa village and he noticed that his father had a life insurance policy worth lakhs of rupees.

According to the Police, Pandu lured his father by promising him a job opportunity at the Tibetan First Camp.

While on the way, Pandu followed Annappa and struck him on the head with a stick, killing him instantly near Bidiruvana, B.M. Road.



Deceased Annappa

Accused K.A. Pandu

A cover-up attempt

He then attempted to cover up the crime by reporting to the Bylakuppe Police that his father had been fatally struck by a hit-and-run vehicle.

When the Police reached the scene, they discovered Annappa's body lying 15 feet away from the roadside. However, there were no signs of a vehicle accident — no tyre marks, debris or broken vehicle parts.

Pandu told the Police that his father was walking on the footpath when he was hit by the vehicle. However, the Police did not find evidence to support Pandu's version. Items found at the scene included Annappa's slippers, an iron pipe, a red towel, an iron rod, plastic fragments, betel leaves and an arecanut bag and several liquor sachets.

These inconsistencies and Pandu's different versions raised suspicions, prompting the Police to intensify their investigation. Upon reviewing CCTV footage, they confirmed Pandu's movements in the area and the Police interrogated him, leading to his confession. Pandu admitted to murdering his father in hopes of claiming the life insurance money.

Bylakuppe Police have registered a case against Pandu, who has been arrested and sent to jail.

Annappa leaves behind his wife and five children, including the accused.

Suicide

During funeral arrangements for Annappa, a dispute arose between his brother Dharma and other family members, leading Dharma to commit suicide by hanging himself at his house. Dharma leaves behind 4 children.

Kodagu soldier critically injured in J&K accident

Soldier Divin

Madikeri, Dec. 28 (PS&BCT)- A soldier from Kodagu sustained critical injuries in a tragic accident involving a military vehicle that plunged into a 350-foot ravine in the Balnoi area of Mendhar in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, on Dec. 24 at around 5.30 pm. Five soldiers died and five others sustained injuries.

The injured soldier, 28-year-old Divin from Aluru Siddapur in Somwarpet taluk, is currently undergoing treatment at the Srinagar Army Hospital. His condition remains critical.

The Indian Army has informed his family about the incident, and his mother, Jaya, is travelling to Srinagar to be by his side. Further updates on his health are awaited upon her arrival.

Divin, the only son of his parents, has been serving in the Indian Army for the past 10 years. He was recently engaged, with his wedding planned for February 2025.

The accident took place when the vehicle, belonging to the 11 Madras Light Infantry (11 MLI), was en route from Nilam Headquarters to Balnoi Ghora Post. According to reports, the vehicle plunged approximately 350 feet into a steep gorge near its destination.

Upon receiving the information, the Quick Reaction Team of 11 MLI rushed to the site to conduct rescue operations. The injured personnel were provided immediate medical assistance and were evacuated for advanced treatment.

KSRTC bus catches fire near Rly. Station

Fire and Emergency personnel extinguishing the fire.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&VNS)- A KSRTC Bus (KA-09 F-4886) en route Virajpet, caught fire suddenly at Dasappa Circle near the City Railway Station yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred just few minutes after the bus had left for Virajpet from the Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Soon, an alert bus driver stopped the bus to the side of the road and helped the passengers alight safely with the help of the conductor.

Following this, they informed the Fire and Emergency personnel, who rushed to spot and extinguished the fire. Luckily, no one was injured.

On receiving the information, Devaraja Police arrived at the spot and conducted the mahazar.

It may be recalled that a similar incident had occurred to a bus belonging to H.D. Kote KSRTC Depot on Dec. 2 on Devalapura- Jakkahalli route on H.D. Kote Road.

Ex-serviceman shoots estate worker dead

Virajpet, Dec. 28 (PS&BCT)- In a tragic incident, an Ex-serviceman fatally shot a 23-year-old farm worker in Chambebellur village of Virajpet taluk last evening.

The victim, identified as Paniyaravara Ponnu, worked as a worker on a coffee plantation and resided in the plantation's line house.

The incident occurred around 5 pm when Ponnu ventured near a jackfruit tree on the property of Chinnappa, an Ex-serviceman.

Suspecting Ponnu of attempting to steal jackfruits, Chinnappa shot him with a firearm. Ponnu succumbed to the gunshot wound immediately.

After shooting Ponnu, Chinnappa surrendered to the Police.

The Virajpet Rural Police have registered a case in this regard based on a complaint filed by Ponnu's father and have launched an investigation into the incident.

Foreign gift: Rs. 9.21 lakh swindled from city doctor

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SBD&BCT)- A case has been registered at the Mysuru City Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station after a fraudster, posing as a Customs Officer, duped a doctor from Vidyanagar of Rs. 9.21 lakh. The scam unfolded four months ago when the con artist befriended the doctor and claimed that a valuable gift was being sent from London.

Soon after, the doctor received a call from another number, purportedly from the Customs Office, demanding payment of taxes for the parcel's release.

Believing the story, the doctor made multiple transfers totalling Rs. 9,21,174. When the fraudster demanded additional payments, the doctor grew suspicious. Upon further inquiry, it was discovered that the entire setup was a scam.

MLA Harishgowda firm on renaming Princess Road after CM Siddaramaiah

'No official records to indicate Princess Road but commonly referred to as KRS Road'

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (GA&BS)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, the chief proponent of renaming Mysuru-KRS Road from Princess Road to 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,' has made it clear that he will not reconsider the proposal, even if Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself suggests revoking it.

K. Harishgowda

Speaking to media persons at Jaladarshini Guest House yesterday, Harishgowda stated, "While I hold great respect for the erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore, Siddaramaiah is among the many leaders who have significantly contributed to the development of Mysuru after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. The establishment of a health complex along KRS Road justifies naming it 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga.'"

Responding to criticism against the proposal, Harishgowda accused the BJP of a "vindictive nature," saying, "They decry Mahatma Gandhi but glorify Nathuram Godse as Mahatma."

Harishgowda further claimed that there are no official records naming the road as Princess Road. "It is commonly referred to as KRS Road or Venkataramanaswamy Temple Road," he explained. ***[See also page 3]***

He emphasised the significance of the healthcare institutions along the stretch, which include the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Trauma Care Centre, Charaka Hospital and the upcoming Kidwai Cancer Hospital.

Additionally, a recently approved Nephrology Centre will offer 100 dialysis beds, providing critical healthcare support to patients from five surrounding districts. "Thousands of lives have already been saved with the Trauma Care Centre and the healthcare facilities here are a boon to the public," he said.

Addressing allegations of targeting Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Harishgowda dismissed the claims, stating, "It is BJP leaders who are targeting him. The MP appears to be under some illusion. Instead of opposing this renaming, Yaduveer should focus on renaming roads still bearing British-era names."

Snehamayi Krishna appeals to Modi, Shah for personal safety

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (Agencies)- In a significant escalation of his fight against alleged corruption in Karnataka, activist and whistleblower Snehamayi Krishna has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for immediate intervention to ensure his safety.

Snehamayi Krishna

Krishna's letter comes amidst growing concerns over threats to his life following his revelations about the illegal allotment of 14 sites under the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

The activist alleges that his efforts to expose misuse of authority have drawn severe backlash from influential political figures, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Krishna accuses the Chief Minister of attempting to obstruct his work and claims the State Government has consistently denied him adequate security despite multiple requests.

In his letter, Krishna highlighted his vulnerability, stating, "Since I am fighting against the CM and other influential individuals, the State Government is refusing to provide me with security. This demonstrates that government officials are attempting to hinder my efforts under the influence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah."

Expressing grave concern for his safety and that of his family, Krishna added, "Relying on State Government security feels increasingly risky. Therefore, I request that security be kindly provided by the Central Government to ensure the protection of my life and the well-being of my family."

Krishna's troubles began when he exposed alleged irregularities in MUDA land allotments, a move that brought him into direct conflict with high-ranking political figures, including CM Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi. His initial complaint was dismissed by local authorities, prompting him to approach the High Court. Following the Court's intervention, an investigation by the Lokayukta was ordered and an FIR was filed naming CM Siddaramaiah as the primary accused.

Instead of support, Krishna claims he has faced escalating political pressure, including the filing of multiple false FIRs against him.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

'No KSRTC strike from Dec. 31'

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&DM)- With some KSRTC Worker Unions calling for an indefinite strike from midnight of Dec. 31 to press for fulfilment of demands, the KSRTC Naukarara Okkoota has clarified that there won't be any strike from Dec.31 and buses will ply as usual.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the Okkoota President Vishwanath Gowda said that the KSRTC Staff and Workers Union, has been playing the theatrics of calling a strike every four years to seek fulfilment of demands.

"The current Government has given us an assurance on fulfilment of just demands of KSRTC workers and staff in stages after giving due consideration. We have confidence that the Government will keep its word and the only thing is that we have to wait with patience. In this backdrop, it can be said there is no justification for the indefinite strike call from Dec. 31", he said, reiterating that there would be no KSRTC strike from Dec. 31. The Staff and Workers Union has been playing with the future of KSRTC staff, he added.

Meanwhile, the KSRTC Staff and Workers Union, said that it will go ahead with the strike from Dec. 31.

Pointing out that the operation of buses would be stopped from midnight of Dec. 31, the union claimed that six recognised unions will be taking part in the strike.

Name ORR after S.M. Krishna: Fans Association President

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (PM&BS)- President of S.M. Krishna Fans Association Vikrant P. Devegowda has demanded that 'the Outer-Ring Road (ORR) in the city should be named after former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who passed away recently.'

S.M. Krishna was the reason for ORR to become a reality. The Vikrant Tyres (now J.K. Tyre) in the city, was established during his tenure as Industries Minister. He also sanctioned land for Infosys here and took measures for the widening of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, to streamline traffic movement.

Through Government owned Keonics, Krishna provided a platform for the economically weaker students from rural areas to learn computer. The Congress workers were also benefitted then, with the sanctioning of sites for them, along with nominating the leaders from the city to Boards and Corporations.

The District Administration should take a call on naming ORR after S.M. Krishna, considering the latter's enormous contributions to the city, urged Vikrant Devegowda.

Mysuru City and District Congress pays floral tributes to ex-PM

Mysuru City and District Congress paid respects to departed former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh by offering floral tributes to his portrait at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station this morning. MLA K. Harishgowda, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MLA H.P. Manjunath, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, former Minister Kote M. Shivanna, party leaders H.A. Venkatesh, M. Shivanna, Chikkanna and others are seen.

Mysuru among Top 5 tourist spots in India

(Continued from page 1)

The prevailing trend among tourists is to visit coastal areas and forests, but there is a tad change in the trend, with Mysuru, that is devoid of coast, finding place among the most preferred tourism destination, for having Mysore Palace, Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Chamundi Hill and Brindavan Gardens in Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in neighbouring Mandya district.

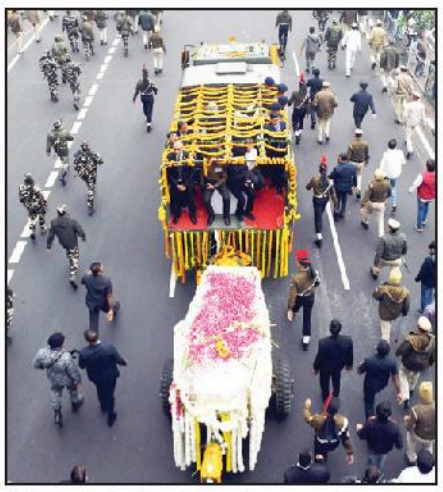
Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway helps

Joint Director, Department of Tourism, M.K. Savitha said, Mysuru is one among the leading tourist destinations. The record number of tourists have been visiting Mysuru during Mysuru Dasara, summer and Christmas vacations. Another prominent reason for tourists to prefer Mysuru is the better road connectivity that has improved with the access-controlled Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. Following the ease in traffic movement, sans any hassles, it has contributed to the increase in tourist footfalls. Whoever tourist visits Karnataka, wants to visit Mysuru first, followed by the coastal areas, she added.

Kodagu too preferred spot

The study of changing trend among tourists points at how Kodagu is the most preferred tourist destination, according to 'MakeMyTrip Travel Search and Booking Trend.' It is natural among the tourists to go for change in plans, as per their convenience. Kodagu is one such place, that finds place, followed by Amarnath, Kedarnath, Jim Corbett National Park, Ujjain, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Darjeeling and Indore, to name a few among several cities.

Dr. Manmohan Singh cremated in Delhi with State honours



Dr. Manmohan Singh's wife Gursharan Kaur and his daughters Upinder Kaur, Daman Kaur and Amrit Kaur sit near the mortal remains at AICC headquarters in New Delhi this morning. Picture right shows the funeral procession passing through Delhi streets before reaching Nigambodh Ghat for cremation.

New Delhi, Dec. 28 (Agencies)- Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh was consigned to flames this morning at Nigambodh Ghat, a public cremation ground in New Delhi. The veteran economist, known for ushering economic reforms in the country, passed away on Thursday at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, among others, attended the ceremony that was performed as per Sikh rituals.

Dr. Singh is survived by his wife Gursharan Kaur, his daughters Upinder Kaur, Daman Kaur (who lit his pyre) and Amrit Kaur. Bhutan Monarch Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Mauritian Foreign Minister Dhananjay Ramful arrived in the National Capital to attend the funeral, while diplomats from several countries also paid their respects a t the crematorium.

Space controversy

Meanwhile, a row erupted between the Centre and Congress over the allotment of space for Dr. Singh's Memorial. The Congress condemned the allocation of Nigambodh Ghat for the final rituals instead of a location where a Memorial could be built in his honour.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about exploring the possibility of building a Memorial for Dr. Singh at the same site where the last rites were conducted.

However, the BJP hit back at Congress, calling the party's stance "ironic". "It is indeed ironic that a Congress President is writing to PM Narendra Modi about traditions and the funeral place becoming the sacrosanct venue for a Memorial. One should remind Kharge how the Congress-led UPA Government denied permission to cremate former PM Narasimha Rao (who passed away in 2004) in Delhi and never built a Memorial for him," said BJP Spokesperson C.R. Kesavan.

In a statement released late at night, the Home Ministry clarified that the Government had received a request from the Congress Chief regarding the allocation of space for a Memorial for Dr. Singh.

Selected for National Korfball Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (VNS)- **L. Poorvika,** a 6th std. student of MIT Public School, Mysuru, has been selected to take part in the 26th Junior National Korfball Championship to be held at Amenity Public School, Rudrapur in Uttarakhand, from Dec. 29, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025.

She is the daughter of P. Lohith, a resident of Kamanakerehundi in city.

Five-day training for roadside vendors

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&BS)- The five-day training programme for roadside vendors in maintaining the quality of food, began at Ideal Jawa Rotary Hall on JLB Road in the city on Friday.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is conducting the training programme, in association with National Roadside Vendors Association, Town Vending Committee and Nestle Company.

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, who inaugurated the training programme, said that the roadside vendors should obtain the certificate from MCC by submitting the relevant documents and conduct their business in the place allotted to them and keep the place hygienic and maintain the quality of food, towards ensuring the health of general public.

Daily 100 roadside vendors will be trained and issued certificates, totalling 500 vendors in five days.

Additional Commissioner of MCC Kusuma Kumari, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) J.S. Somashekar, Zonal Officers, Assistant Director for Food Safety Dr. Ravindra and the Members of Town Vending Committee Ravi, Shankar, Vishwanath, Guruswamy, Bharat, Umapathy and others were present.

Grand Hanuma Jayanti in city

Thousands of Lord Rama and Hanuma devotees taking part in the grand Hanuma Jayanti procession held in city this morning. Picture right shows former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha taking part in the procession holding a mace (gada) as K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&TRR)- Thousands of Lord Rama and Hanuma devotees enthusiastically participated in a grand Hanuma Jayanti procession organised by Mysuru Hanumanthothsava Samiti in city this morning.

The procession was flagged off by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple located near the North Gate of the Mysore Palace. Prior to the flagging of the procession, Devegowda showered flower petal to idol of Lord Hanuma placed on a tableau. Idols of Bharata Mathe (Mother India), Goddess Bhuvaneshwari and among others were placed on the 12 colourfully decorated tableaux.

Procession accompanied by thousands of devotees who chanted 'Jai Sri Ram' and 'Jai Hanuman', passed through Ashoka Road, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle, D.D. Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road Road, Chamaraja Double Road before culminating near the Gun House. Participation of various cultural troupes including Nadaswaram and Bhajana artists enhanced the religious fervour of the grand procession.

Devaraja ACP Shanthamallapa and Police Inspector Shivakumar had made elaborate security arrangements along the procession route.

Traffic ACP Parashuramappa and Inspector Mamata supervised the traffic arrangements.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra and a large number of BJP, RSS and VHP activists participated in the procession.

Language, community, philosophy fast disappearing in 21st century

Kannada Development Authority Chairman Prof. Purushottam Bilimale at 'Nirantara Ranga Utsava'

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SBD&DM)- Kannada Development Authority Chairman Prof. Purushottam Bilimale expressed concern that language, community and philosophy are rapidly disappearing in the 21st century.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Nirantara Ranga Utsava' theatre festival organised by the city's Nirantara Foundation at Kirurangamandira in Rangayana premises here last evening.

Highlighting three significant developments in the first two decades of the 21st century, Prof. Bilimale emphasised that theatre should engage with these changes and bring them to the people.

"Besides Kannada, there are 230 languages in the State. A review of two decades of statistics reveals that most of these languages are on the brink of extinction. Kannada, which accounts for only three percent of the languages spoken in the country, is facing serious threats," he said.

"Meanwhile, Hindi is growing at a rate of 66 percent, further endangering Kannada's survival. For example, the number of Kodava language speakers, which was 55,000 according to the first post-independence census, has reduced to just 2,000 as per the 2011 census. This illustrates how languages are gradually vanishing," he said, expressing concern that a language spoken by just five percent of the population could dominate in the future.

Prof. Bilimale also noted that communities are facing existential threats. With 18 tribal communities around Mysuru expected to merge into mainstream society in the next 50 years, their customs and traditions are at risk of fading. Additionally, philosophies are losing their relevance, lacking principles that define them. He stressed that theatre has the power to revive and illuminate these philosophies with renewed vigor.

Kavita Ratna, daughter of late theatre personality Na. Ratna, Nirantara Foundation's Prasad Kundur and Srinivas Suguna, former Rangayana Director Janardhan (Janni), noted theatre personality Rameshwari Varma and others were present.

Later, Srirangapatna's theatre group 'Nirdiganta' performed the play 'Tindige Banda Tonderaya'. The theatre festival concludes on Dec. 30.

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Young socialists should save money for future: Vani Das Pattnaik

A section of the audience attending an interaction with Vani Das Pattnaik, wife of late Socialist MP Kishen Pattnaik, at Indian Institute of Educational Theatre on JLB Road in city recently. Picture right shows Vani Das and retired CRPF IGP K. Arkesh during the event.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SPN&DM)- Vani Das Pattnaik, wife of late Socialist MP Kishen Pattnaik, urged young socialists to save their hard-earned money for a secure future. She was addressing an interaction session organised by Samajwadi Adhyayana Kendra Trust at Indian Institute of Educational Theatre on JLB Road in city recently.

Recounting her early years, Vani shared that she left for Pune at the age of 12 to learn music, which became her livelihood. Explaining the hardships she faced, she revealed, "I was sent out of my house as my presence was considered a hindrance to the marriage prospects of other family members."

She pursued music in Pune through a student scholarship, a journey that later took her to Bombay and Delhi. Her native town's residents often exaggerated her achievements, drawing laughter from the audience.

"I earned Rs. 10 per song as a Marathi singer in Pune and later transitioned into playback singing. Ironically, the same family members who once drove me out started seeking my help once I began earning," she recounted. Vani also shared how she met Kishen Pattnaik during a train journey, introduced by a mutual acquaintance who was a Bank Manager.

Detailing her married life, Vani noted, "Kishen, a Socialist MP and the son of a Dewan in Kalahandi Princely State of Odisha, lived an unassuming life despite his privileged background. Though his brother was a Judge, Kishen never sought his support and instead remained dedicated to the people he served."

She highlighted their decision not to have children, saying it was mutual and reflected their shared values. Together, the couple devoted their lives to uplifting the poor, marginalised communities, Devadasis and other vulnerable groups.

However, Vani expressed sorrow over the way Kishen was treated in his final days, particularly during a trip to Hyderabad, where he felt let down by his friends. She lamented that his simplicity and values failed to provide him solace during his last moments, as he succumbed to high fever. "Young socialists must learn from these experiences and secure their futures," she emphasised.

The event was moderated by retired CRPF IGP K. Arkesh. Prominent attendees included senior theatre artiste Rajesh Basavanna, Abhiruchi Ganesh, retired Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy and others.

Exercise caution while buying medicines online: MP

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SPN&VNS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged customers to exercise utmost caution while purchasing medicines online, citing multiple complaints about their quality.

He was speaking at the release of the Mysore District Chemists and Distributors Association (MDCDA) Diary-2025 during an event organised by the MDCDA at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar recently.

The MP emphasised the importance of buying medicines from local medical shops, noting that such purchases ensure better quality and reliability.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who was also present, recalled the crucial role played by chemists and druggists during COVID-19 pandemic. He lauded their efforts in providing quality medicines, enabling patients to recover promptly and lead healthier lives.

During the event, MDCDA members highlighted that nearly 5,000 Pharma Assistants depend on the 2,500 medical shops operating in Mysuru. They sought MLA Srivatsa's assistance in securing a Civic Amenities (CA) site from MUDA for the Association.

The event was attended by Commissioner of Food Safety for Karnataka K. Srinivas, retired Drugs Controller of Karnataka B.T. Khanapure, Deputy Drugs Controller of Mysuru Division B.P. Arun, Assistant Drugs Controllers Waseem-Ur-Rahaman Shariff and Ashalatha, MDCDA President S. Manjunath and others.

ISKCON Sri Krishna Balarama Ratha Yatra this evening

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is organising their 27th Annual Grand Ratha Yatra Festival in city this evening (Dec. 28).

The inaugural function will be held at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, at 4.30 pm. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and former MLC G. Madhusudan will be the chief guests. ISKCON Mysuru President Stoka Krishna Swami will preside over the inaugural.

The colourful festival will begin from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at 5.30 pm and proceed through Gandhi Square, Sayyaji Rao Road, Small Clock Tower, Devaraja Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road, Ramaswamy Circle, JLB Road, RTO Circle, Ballal Circle, New Kantharaja Urs Road, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road and conclude at the ISKCON Temple on 18th Cross, Jayanagar.

The Ratha Yatra will include Sankirtana by ISKCON devotees and 35 feet-high chariot carrying the deities of Sri Krishna Balarama.

Prasadam will be distributed to over 30,000 people.

Vaikunta Ekadashi on Jan. 10, 2025

Also, ISKCON Temple will be celebrating Sri Vaikunta Ekadashi on Jan. 10, 2025. A Vaikunta Dwara will be erected at the main entrance of temple and devotees can have special Vaikunta Dwara Pravesha from 7.30 am to 10 pm, according to a press release from ISKCON Mysuru.

Jubilee 2025 by Mysore Diocese to be launched tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (PM&KS)- "Catholic Churches have a tradition of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ every 25 years. Likewise, Jubilee 2025 will be launched in Mysore Diocese on Dec. 29," said Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Mysore Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras.

Disclosing this to media persons, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras said that Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the Jubilee Year, during which various programmes will be held till Jan. 6, 2026, under the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

"A special Cross will be carried in a procession to all Churches coming under the diocese. It will be placed at St. Philomena's Church at the end of year-long celebration, as a Memorial of the Jubilee Year. It is believed that this Cross will provide protection to the community. During this Holy Year, efforts will be made to help the poor, the sick and the helpless," Dr. Bernard Moras added.

The Jubilee 2025 will be inaugurated on Dec. 29 at 4 pm at Our Lady of the Poor Church on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in Bannimantap at 4 pm and the special 8 ft. tall Cross, made for the occasion, will be taken in a procession at 4.30 pm to St. Philomena's Church where it will be placed. Later, a mass prayer will be held followed by a special mass at 6 pm, covering the dioceses of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts, Dr. Moras informed.

A Committee has been formed, to organise spiritual and social activities in all Churches, institutions and district headquarters, under the diocese. The programmes will be conducted under the guidance of the Apostolic Administrator.

Parish Priest of St. Joseph`s Cathedral Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeda, Catholic Centre Director Rev. Dr. Joseph Marie, Rev. Fr. Joseph Packiaraj and Rev. Fr. Sebastian were present at the press meet.

Bhushans present 'Colours of Krishna'

Bhushans' mega musical dance theatrical production 'Colours of Krishna' was premiered for a full house audience at Kalandika premises in Saraswathipuram recently. The production had a beautiful blend of Odissi (Anushree Padmanabha and team), Kathak (Sohini Karanth and team) along with Bharatanatyam by artiste-couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan and their sons — Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan.

Two lakh laddus to be distributed to devotees on New Year day

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar draws 100 cooks to prepare sweet prasadam

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (GA&VNS)- As Mysuru city prepares to welcome the New Year-2025, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar is set to distribute two lakh laddus to devotees visiting the Temple on the first day of the year.

Addressing a press conference this morning, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Founder of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, announced that preparations are underway to distribute two lakh laddus, modelled after the famous Tirupati Laddu. More than 100 cooks are working at the Temple premises to prepare laddus for devotees.

"Late Thespian Dr. Rajkumar donated Rs. 1,000 during his visit to the Temple in 1994, requesting that laddus resembling those from Tirupati be prepared. From starting with just 1,000 laddus, we have now grown to distribute two lakh laddus," he said. He added that special puja rituals on Jan. 1 will commence at 4 am, followed by the distribution of laddus.

"We are preparing 10,000 laddus weighing 2 kgs each, along with two lakh laddus weighing 150 grams each for the occasion. The laddus are made using 100 kgs of gram flour (kadle hittu), 200 kg sugar, 10,000 litres of edible oil, 500 kg cashew, 500 kg raisins, 250 kg badam, 1,000 kg diamond sugar, 2,000 kg bura sugar, 50 kg pista, 50 kg cardamom, 50 kg nutmeg (jakai), mace (japatre), 50 kg edible camphor (pachha karpoora), and 200 kg cloves (lavanga)," he explained.

Temple Administrative Officer Srinivasan added that, following the tragedy at Kicchugutti Maramma Temple in Chamarajanagar, all laddus have been thoroughly tested by the MCC to ensure safety. "To avoid untoward incidents, we have requested the Mysuru City Police to provide security. CCTV cameras have been installed in the kitchen to monitor the preparation process. Separate entry facilities will be provided for men, women, senior citizens & physically disabled persons," he said.

Dr. Rajkumar's daughter Lakshmi, son-in-law Govind Raj, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and others were present on the occasion.

Shadakshari re-elected as State Employees Association President

Shadakshari

Bengaluru, Dec. 28- C.S. Shadakshari has been re-elected as the State President of the Karnataka State Government Employees Association, with the election held yesterday in Bengaluru.

Shadakshari secured 507 votes, defeating his opponent B.P. Krishnegowda, who secured 442 votes. Shadakshari was declared the winner by a margin of 65 votes.

However, the incumbent Treasurer, Nagaraj R. Jummannavar, aligned with Shadakshari's camp, lost to V.V. Shivarudraiah, who was supported by B.P. Krishnegowda's camp, by 18 votes. Shivarudraiah secured 485 votes, while Nagaraj Jummannavar managed to get 467 votes. A. Hanumanarasaiah served as the Returning Officer.

4th Mysuru International Film Festival tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (VNS)- The fourth edition of the Mysuru International Film Festival (MIFF)-2024 and 'Cine Santhe,' organised by 'Make Society Smile Foundation', will take place on Dec. 29 at J.K. Grounds in city from 9 am to 10 pm.

The event's poster was released yesterday by actor 'Daali' Dhananjaya. The festival will be inaugurated by Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda at 10 am.

Highlights of the day-long festival include a singing competition, decoration and painting contests for children and an exhibition. Prizes for the winners will be distributed at 6 pm.

The prize distribution ceremony will have notable guests, including actors Arjun Ramesh and 'Daali' Dhananjaya, BJP City Vice-President Hema Nandish and Karnataka State Commission for Women Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi.

Present at the poster release were Sri Durga Foundation President Rekha Srinivas, Public Relations Officer (PRO) S.N. Shankar, industrialist Gagandeep, Film Festival Organiser Ranjitha Subramanya and 'Cine Santhe' Director and Founder Sandhya Rani, along with Aishwarya G. Prasad.

For details, contact Mob: 63609-59871 or 63646-32425.

Rural students tackle global challenges at Vikasa Parva

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- Vikasa Parva, an innovative entrepreneurship and design thinking workshop by Excel Public School and Excelsoft Technologies, empowered 186 students and 36 teachers from 36 government schools in Mysuru district to address real-world challenges.

Funded by Excel Group's CSR arm, The Excel Empathy Foundation, the six-week programme culminated in a presentation of projects at the prestigious TiE Global Summit (TGS) in Bengaluru on Dec. 10.

The workshop introduced participants to innovation, R&D, product development and entrepreneurship, with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) providing a framework for identifying and solving community issues. Among the projects, the top 10 ideas, spanning healthcare, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and environmental conservation, were showcased in a special session, "Rural Youth Innovators: What is an Innovation Mindset?"

During the session moderated by entrepreneur Anand Kadakol, students explained their problem-solving approaches, ideas' scalability, and implementation strategies.

This interactive platform allowed students to present their business models, detailing cost structures and societal impact, while networking with peers, entrepreneurs and industry leaders.

The event concluded on Dec. 12 at Infosys, Mysuru. It featured talks and panel discussions highlighting Mysuru's cultural entrepreneurship across the tourism, wellness and jewellery industries.

This celebration of local heritage also explored strategies for building thriving ecosystems around cultural assets.

Excel Public School Principal K.G. Mathew lauded the students' achievements: "Vikasa Parva has showcased the potential of young minds to address real-world challenges with practical solutions. Their journey from classrooms to a global stage is truly inspiring."

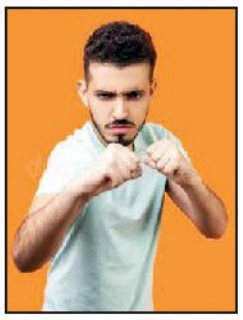
Excelsoft Technologies Chairman Sudhanva Dhananjaya added: "Workshops like Vikasa Parva and platforms like TGS encourage innovation & collaboration, marking an exciting beginning for these young innovators."

Building on their success, all 36 projects have been submitted to the School Innovation Marathon 2024, India's largest school innovation challenge, organised by the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Education.

This landmark initiative was made possible through collaboration between Excel Group and School Education Department, including key support from Block Education Officers, DIET faculty and school headteachers.

WORD OF THE DAY

Feisty



Pronunciation: FYE-stee (Adjective)
Meaning: Feisty describes someone who has or shows a lively aggressiveness especially in being unafraid to fight or argue. In some regions of the US, feisty may also be used as a synonym of fidgety, quarrelsome, or frisky.
Origin: In some parts of the southern United States, the word feist (pronounced to rhyme with heist) has been used since the 18th century as a term for a small dog used in hunting more diminutive game animals (such as squirrels). The word comes from the much older, now obsolete word fisting (pronounced as "feisting" would be) meaning "breaking wind," which was used scornfully in the 16th and 17th centuries to describe gassy pooches. Feisty developed in the late 19th century, its flatulent origin lost, but its small-dog association still visible with a squint: the term conveys the spunk and determination that one may associate with a dog that manages to make its presence known, through its bark or its bite—or perhaps even its indifference to olfactory decorum—despite its small size.
Example: "Hummingbirds may be tiny, but the feisty birds can be fearless. A video ... shows a falcon eating a dragonfly while perched on a tree. Then, out of nowhere, a hummingbird flies into the frame and starts flitting around the bird of prey." — Shelby Slade and Tiffany Acosta, The Arizona Republic, 26 Sept. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Leukophobia

Fear of the colour white.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

How Come?

Meaning: The phrase 'How Come?' means why do or why have.
Origin: The phrase 'How Come?' is American in origin, and dates back to the mid-19th century. It is essentially a shortened form of 'How does it come to be?' Its predecessor, 'How comes it that' was used in England; an example can be found in Shakespear's 1607 Coriolanus: "How com'st that you haue holpe To make this rescue?" An even earlier example is found in Edward Hall's 1548 Chronicle: "How commeth this that there are so many Newe Testamentes abrode?"
Example: "How come you got invited and I didn't?"

QUOTE BOX

Accept what people offer. Drink their milkshakes. Take their love.

—Wally Lamb

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

ATTEMPT

Answer: A bold attempt.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Fast horse of Arab type
5 Sports channel
9 US spy bureau
12 In ___ of : instead?
13 Entire
15 Hebrew month
16 Parisian university
17 Advantageous purchase
19 Uncooperative, in short?
20 Ship's sheltered side
21 Coat of sheep
23 Operatic airs
26 As being (Latin)
27 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
28 River in Europe
29 The star of our solar system
30 The founder of Pennsylvania
31 ___ Henman : British tennis star?
32 502, in Rome
33 Not so clean or not so sharp
34 Put in
36 Over in verse
37 Concluding section of a musical ballet
38 Strange
42 Small parrot
44 Impulse
45 Circular tower as a fort for coastal defence
46 Egyptian goddess
47 Pig-house
48 European duck of a kind?
49 New Mexico art colony

DOWN
1 Spill the beans
2 Verdi opera
3 At the back
4 Thief or robber
5 "Is Lee" turning into a girl?
6 The city of Jerusalem
7 Nationwide multiplex chain
8 Interstellar gas cloud
9 Yields, gives in or gives up
10 Guiltless
11 A particular period of time
14 Having no company
18 Roman bronze - "sea" change ?
21 Merriment
22 Counting-out starter
23 Italian wine
24 Umbrella alternative
25 Most commonly used expression of regret ? (1,2,5)
26 French for 'who'
29 Take a chair
30 The chase or the occupation
32 Male ducks
33 Disp. Elec. Unit
35 Modify the text
36 Being pulled (2,3)
38 River to the Ubangi
39 As bear it is major or minor but in the sky
40 Exchange fee
41 Not as much as before
42 Lic. in Med. & Surg.
43 Forest tree

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

U	S	A	■	U	P	A	S	■	A	D	A	R
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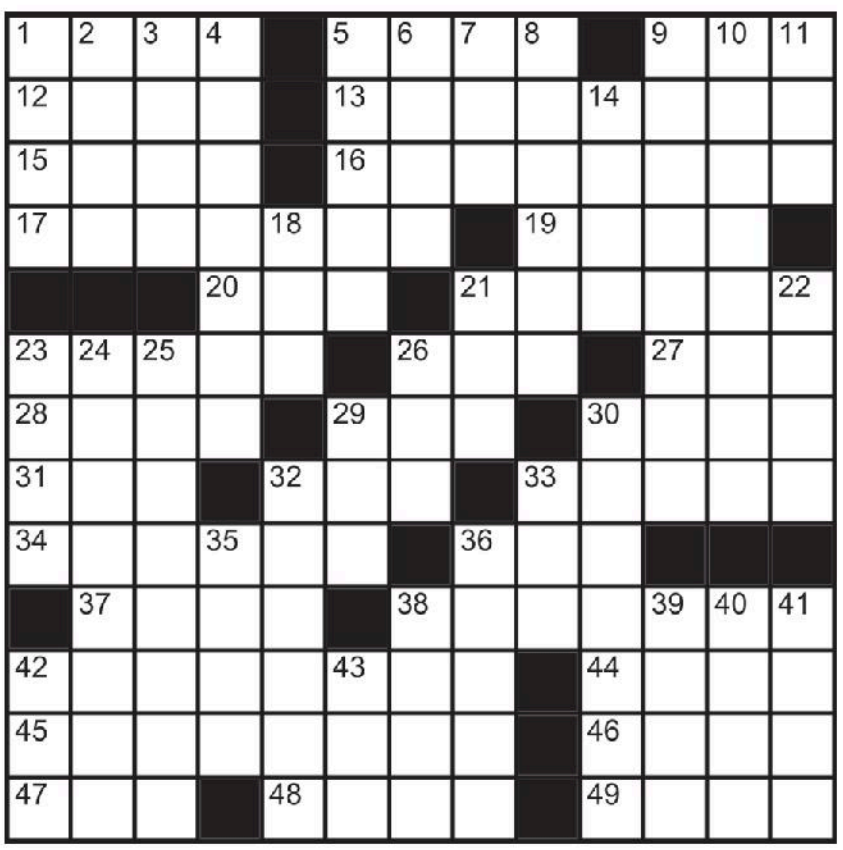

SUDOKU

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	2		9			6		7
		3	4					8

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	4	3	6	1	9	2	7
7	2	9	5	8	4	6	1	3
1	6	3	2	9	7	5	8	4
5	9	6	1	7	8	4	3	2
2	4	1	6	3	5	8	7	9
3	7	8	4	2	9	1	5	6
6	3	5	9	1	2	7	4	8
9	1	7	8	4	3	2	6	5
4	8	2	7	5	6	3	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HUSLQYU QH CNU SUZC CNBC TU

KBM GES EIS SEEJ EZ UBSCN.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The greatest obstacle to your success is probably you.

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	(S-3)	7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
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Barroz (Ma-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
Baby John (H)	(S-2)	9.10 am, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	(S-2)	12.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
Out of Syllabus (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
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Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	11.35 am, 1.50 pm, 4.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	12.35 pm

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Baby John (H)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.15 am, 1 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm
Frozen (E)	:	3.30 pm
Barroz (K-3D)	:	3.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	6.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

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UI (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Max (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 6.30 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Out of Syllabus (K)	:	3.40 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	9.30 pm

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Baby John (H)	:	10.25 am, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	:	11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Out of Syllabus (K)	:	12.35 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	12.40 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4 pm

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Mufasa: The Lion King (H)	:	10.50 am, 7.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 3.15 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Rifle Club (Ma)	:	5.05 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.15 pm
Barroz (Ma-3D)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 28)

- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-860,' story-telling by Vagdevi Puranik, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **ISKCON, Mysuru:** Sri Krishna Balarama Ratha Yatra, inauguration function, MLA T.S. Srivathsa, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and former MLC G. Madhusudan chief guests, ISKCON Mysuru President Stoka Krishna Swami presides, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **4.30 pm.**
- **DGTM English Medium School:** Nritya Vaibhava, 18th Annual Day celebrations, DGTM Educational Institution President N. Nagendra Babu presides, retd. Supreme Court Judge Justice N. Santhosh Hegde chief guest, SGDM Trust Secretary D.T. Subramanya inaugurates, DGTM Educational Institution Secretary M.V. Thyagaraj and Principal H.R. Panduranga will be present, Shree Sharada Rangamantapa, DGTM School premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **'Speak History 2.0' - Session-9, topic:** 'Order of the Gandabherunda - Mysore State Honours' R. Gyaneshwar (R.G.) Singh, a prominent art collector, cultural revivalist and Honorary Secretary of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Silverfish Books, Farmer's House, 13th Cross, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**
- **Vismaya School of Learning, Mysuru:** Annual celebrations, Magical Evening of Bharatanatyam led by Guru Vidushi Smriti Ramesh Kaushik, Ganabharathi auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar:** 32nd Annual Day celebrations, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 Prof. S.P. Manjunath presides, University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, Department of School Education Mysuru Division Secretary Dr. Panduranga guest of honour, School premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust & Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali:** Aradhana of Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Bhajans, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Jnana Yajna' programme, Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhishma Parva in Mahabharata,' Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** Niranthara Ranga Ustava-2024 (theatre festival), senior theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma chief guest, **6.30 pm;** Musical Night by Ustad Fayaz Khan, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 29)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Sahitya Chavadi - Samvada' programme, talk on 'Sahityada Parikara mattu Parisara' (Literary Tools and Environment) by Chartered Accountant and writer Manjunatha Kollegal, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Neralu Charitable Trust, Mysuru, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, NR Constituency:** Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's Birth Anniversary celebrations and inauguration of Neralu Charitable Trust, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar inaugurates, Neralu Charitable Trust President Dr. Ammasandra Suresh presides, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, National Award-winning retd. Teacher Dr. N. Gangadharappa and Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City President K.S. Shivaramu guests, Kuthethur Seetharama Rao Bhavana, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition and Cake Show from Dolphin Bakers, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **District Administration and Department of Kannada & Culture:** 'Vishwamanava Day' celebrations commemorating Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's birth anniversary, Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar delivers lecture, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee (Karnataka Exhibition Authority):** Dasara Exhibition-2024, Face Painting and Clay Art Competitions, Exhibition premises, **2 pm to 4.30 pm.** [Mob: 99644-10760 or Mob: 97416-69845]
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